

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re I	Patent Application of)		
Karen P. Shrier et al.) Group Art Unit: 2836		
Application No.: 10/702,084)) Examiner: Unknown		
Filed:	November 6, 2003) Confirmation No: 8225		
For:	SINGLE AND MULTI LAYER VARIABLE VOLTAGE PROTECTION DEVICES AND METHOD OF MAKING SAME))))		
AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER				
Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450				
Sir:				
Eı	aclosed is a reply for the above-identified par	tent application.		
[A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.			
[A Terminal Disclaimer and the [] \$55.00 (2814) [] \$110.00 (1814) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d) are also enclosed.			
[X	Also enclosed is/are Preliminary Amendment			
[Small entity status is hereby claimed.			
[Applicant(s) requests continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the [] \$385.00 (2801) [] \$770.00 (1801) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).			
	[] Applicant(s) requests that any previously unentered after final amendments <u>not</u> be entered. Continued examination is requested based on the enclosed documents identified above.			
	[] Applicant(s) previously submitted _ requested.	, on, for which continued examination is		

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[]	Applicant(s) requests suspension of action by the Office until at least, which
		does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with
		37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.

- [] A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (1809/2809) is also enclosed.
- [X] No additional claim fee is required.
- [] An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below:

AMENDED CLAIMS					
	No. Of CLAIMS	Highest No. Of Claims Previously Paid for	Extra Claims	RATE	ADD'L FEE
Total Claims	16	MINUS 20 =	,,,	× \$18.00 (1202) =	0
Independent Claims	2	MINUS 3 =		× \$86.00 (1201) =	0
If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$290.00 (1203)					
Total Claim Amendment Fee					
If small entity status is claimed, subtract 50% of Total Claim Amendment Fee					
TOTAL ADDITIONAL CLAIM FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT				\$0.00	

[]	A check in the amou	nt of \$	is enclosed	for the fee due.
[]	Charge \$	to Deposit Account N	o. 02-4800.	

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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Date: March 1, 2004

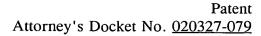
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows: